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A mother embraces her child, who was released from a lockdown after the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. The 19-year-old shooter was expelled from the school during the previous academic year.

17 killed at Fla. high school;
suspect is former student

By Terry Spencer
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PARKLAND, Fla. — A former student opened fire with a semi-automatic rifle at a Florida high school Wednesday, killing at least 17 people and sending hundreds of students fleeing into the streets in the nation's deadliest school shooting since a gunman attacked an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut.

The shooter, who was equipped with a gas mask and smoke grenades, set off a fire alarm to draw students out of classrooms shortly before the day end-



ed at one of the state's largest schools, officials said. Authorities offered no immediate details on the 19-year-old suspect or any possible motive, except to say that he had been kicked out of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School,

which has about 3,000 students. Students who knew the shooter, identified as Nikolas Cruz, described a volatile teenager whose strange behavior had caused others to end friendships with him, particularly after the fight that led to his expulsion. Frantic parents rushed to the school to find SWAT team members and ambulances surrounding the huge campus. Live television footage showed emergency workers who appeared to be treating the wounded on sidewalks. "It is a horrific situation," said Robert Run-

cie, superintendent of the school district in Parkland, about an hour's drive north of Miami. "It is a horrible day for us." The suspect was taken into custody without a fight about an hour later in a neighborhood about a mile away. He had multiple magazines of ammunition, authorities said. "It's catastrophic. There really are no words," Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel told reporters. The attacker used the fire alarm "so the kids would come pouring out of the classrooms into the hall,"

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TUSD looks
at program
shifts to up
enrollment

Board dismisses
idea of reviewing
boundary lines

By Hank Stephenson
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

As Tucson's largest school district continues to struggle with declining enrollment that has left several of its high schools well below capacity, Superintendent Gabriel Trujillo offered up a plan to shift students to underutilized schools. A portion of the proposal sought to attract students to high schools like Santa Rita, Sabino, Palo Verde and Catalina by revamping the schools' career and technical education offerings and enhancing credit recovery options designed to keep students who fall behind from leaving the district for charter schools. Trujillo also pitched the idea of pushing students into starkly underpopulated schools by changing attendance boundaries, which would simultaneously re-

lieve overcrowding at University and Rincon, which share a campus, and Tucson High. But the Tucson Unified School District Governing Board on Tuesday rebuffed the latter part of Trujillo's plan, leaving him worried that the district will come up short by focusing only on attracting students into underenrolled campuses with new programs. "In order to address this issue right now, it's almost kind of impossible to try to do it without some sort of boundary review," he said. Trujillo described TUSD as a school system "in peril" and noted that the district will have to reinvent itself to survive. "We know we are under attack on various fronts. With regards to declining enrollment, with regard to a look at our facilities and the possibility of (Vail Unified School District) taking of our facilities. We have a

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Report: VA chief had
public pay for wife
to join him on trip

By Hope Yen
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin improperly accepted Wimbledon tennis tickets and his staff lied that he was getting an award in order to justify his wife accompanying him at taxpayer expense on an 11-day European trip that mixed business and sightseeing, according to a blistering government investigation released Wednesday. The 87-page report by the VA's internal watchdog said Shulkin should reimburse the government more than

\$4,000 for his wife's airfare and accused his top aide of doctoring emails to falsely represent that Shulkin was being honored in Denmark, inventing a rationale for his wife's free travel. "The investigation revealed serious derelictions" by Shulkin and his staff, said the report, which cited "poor judgment and/or misconduct." The findings are the latest in a series of controversies involving expensive or wasteful plane travel



David Shulkin

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Olympics not just for young anymore

By Kristen Gelineau
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PYEONGCHANG, South Korea — For her 50th birthday, Canadian curler Cheryl Bernard informed her husband that they would mark the occasion by hiking eight hours a day along Italy's rugged Amalfi coast. "Seriously?" he replied. Seriously. Also unsurprising. After all, one year later, Bernard would become the oldest Olympian competing at the Pyeongchang Winter Games — an achievement that was not born of holidays spent

knocking back margaritas poolside. Bernard's story is a familiar one among this year's set of older Olympians, who credit consistency, better knowledge of nutrition and age-won wisdom for the longevity of their careers. And longer careers may soon become the norm for elite athletes, with huge advances in sports medicine helping Olympians stay competitive into middle age, defying the idea that the Games are reserved for

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At 51, Canadian curler Cheryl Bernard is the oldest athlete competing at the Pyeongchang Olympics. But plenty of other athletes at the Games are also defying Father Time.

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